

Ms. Ana Rivas Logan, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION FOR TEACHER/STUDENT TO TRAVEL OUT OF THE COUNTRY

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The WorldSkills Competition (WSC), formerly known as the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA), has come to symbolize the pinnacle of excellence in vocational training. The results of the WSC are one of the benchmarks by which a country's global economic competitiveness is judged. Results clearly reflect the quality of public technical education in participating countries. Team USA's competitiveness reflects the United States' position as the world's foremost industrial power.

Ms. Viviana Zuniga, student, Miami Senior High School demonstrated outstanding skills at the Midwest Hair Show and was selected to represent the United States in the international competition. Ms. Zuniga is the top scoring student in the cosmetology trials in the United States for 2005.

Ms. Roxana Revello, Cosmetology Teacher at Miami Senior High School and Ms. Zuniga's instructor, has been invited by the WSC to chaperone and coach Ms. Zuniga during the international competition. Ms. Revello will certainly benefit from this experience. She will have an opportunity to talk with educators from all over the world and bring back information to share with students and other educators in Miami-Dade County Public schools.

All arrangements for travel and hotel will be handled by the WSC national office. Expenses for the student are being paid by the WSC and the teacher's travel will be paid from the 2004-2005 Carl Perkins Grant.

This item does not appear in the regularly scheduled agenda. There is good cause to vary from the established agenda as registration is due April 24, 2005, prior to the next scheduled Board Meeting.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
ANA RIVAS LOGAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the out-of-country field trip to Helsinki, Finland, for Roxanna Revello, Cosmetology Teacher and Viviana Zuniga, student from Miami Senior High School for the period of May 19, 2005 through June 2, 2005.

**GOOD CAUSE
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